

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reexamination of the captioned application is respectfully requested.

A. SUMMARY OF THIS RESPONSE

By the current response, Applicants basically:

1. Thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 7-14, 17, 19, 46-49, 52-53, 60-65, 70 and 72 .
2. Rewrite claims 7, 14, 17, 19, 46, 52, 53, 60, 70, and 72 as independent claims.
3. Amend the dependencies of claims 2 – 6, 7 – 13, 15, 43 – 45, 50 - 51, 55 – 59, 65 – 69, 87 – 92.
4. Cancel claims 6, 16, 18, 42, 54, and 71 without prejudice or disclaimer.
5. Advise the Examiner of the simultaneous filing of a Petition to Extend for three months.

B. MISCELLANEOUS

In view of the foregoing and other considerations, the Examiner has ample bases for withdrawing all rejections and for allowance of all pending claims. Accordingly, a formal indication of allowance is earnestly solicited.

Applicants are not paying additional claims fees at the time of filing of this amendment. Applicants paid by credit card for sufficient additional claims fees for the number of independent claims now presented in conjunction with the filing of the September 22, 2008 amendment. Although that September 22, 2008 amendment was not entered, the credit card charge was nevertheless made. If the US Patent Office takes the position that the September 22, 2008 charge has or will be reversed, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's deposit account #14-1140 in

whatever amount is necessary for entry of these papers and the continued pendency of the captioned application.

For any reason and regardless of condition, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's deposit account #14-1140 in whatever amount is necessary for entry of these papers and the continued pendency of the captioned application.

Should the Examiner feel that an interview with the undersigned would facilitate allowance of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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